

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 as follows:

In the embodiment shown, the inner profile of partial shells 1a and 1b is provided with concentric ribs 16, which have a rectangular cross-section and thus assure a particularly effective clamping action with the spiral to be inserted. As can be appreciated by those skilled in the art, ~~Although included in the scope of the invention, it is not shown that~~ rather than concentric ridges 16, these projections may also be ridges running in the manner of a thread or may be peg-like or knob-like projections (also identified by the number 16 in Fig. 4b) distributed evenly over ~~of~~ the inner contours of partial shells 1a and 1b. The important point is simply that a reliable positive locking engagement with the spiral to the clamped is assured.